

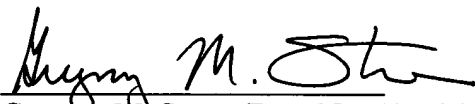
**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination of the instant application. It was recently discovered through investigation of the instant application's assignee that the invention set forth in the application was developed pursuant to the captioned government contract. Thus, addition of the above-proposed statement is respectfully requested.

Examination on the merits of this application is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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